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Microsoft has shown over and over that it can get away with breaking the law and only getting a slap on the wrist. In addition to Browser and Word processor issues currently under consideration Windows 3.0 had special software to prevent Borland's C compiler from running. Breaking Microsoft into a Browser company an Operating System company and a Software company is the best way to see that Microsoft does not continue to violate the law. At least any future violation would be at the expense of other Microsoft companies in addition to the rest of the world. Microsoft loudly claims that breaking them up will result in higher prices to the consumer. One major software package has increased in price year after year under Microsoft's current monopoly - the Windows Operating System. Breaking up Microsoft would help see this trend reverse. Microsoft's predatory and illegal tactics WILL continue as long as the cost of such practices is less than the anticipated profit. In my opinion the current settlement continues this. People who currently defend Microsoft and oppose breaking up the company have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo at the expense of the consumer and other companies attempting to engage in fair competition. I hope someone at the state or federal level will agree that the rule of law and a fair playing field is more important than Microsoft's profits.